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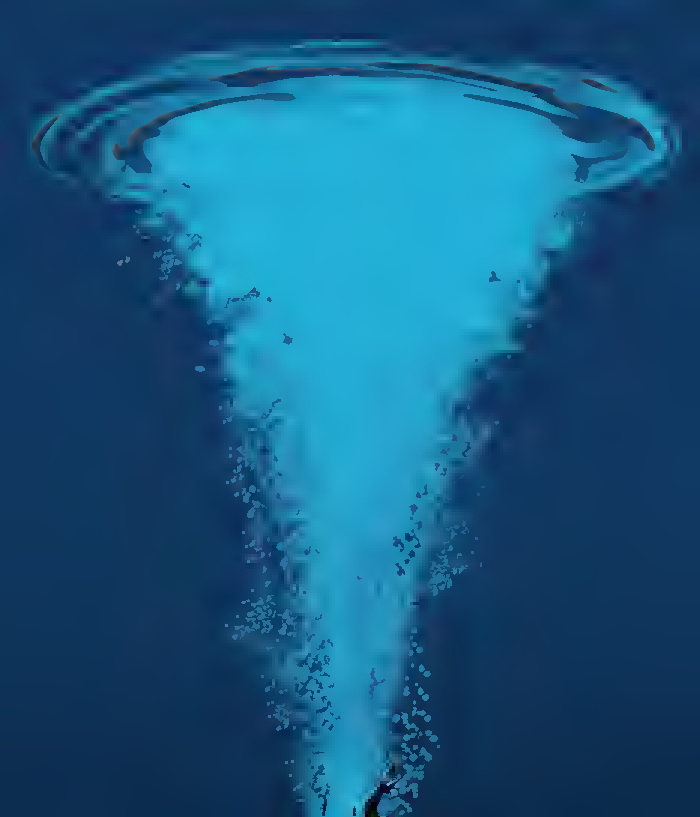

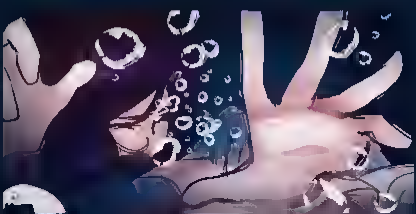

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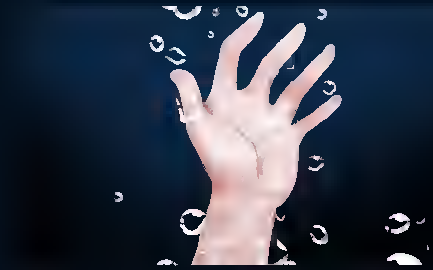
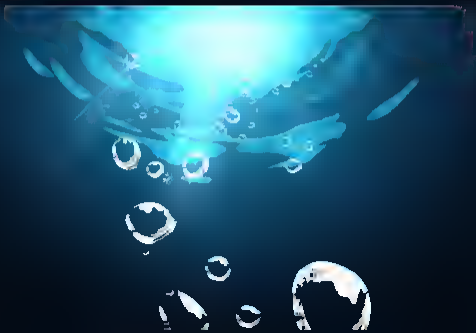
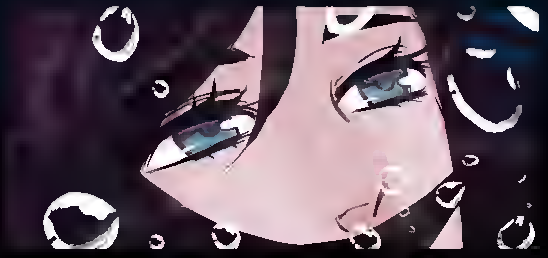
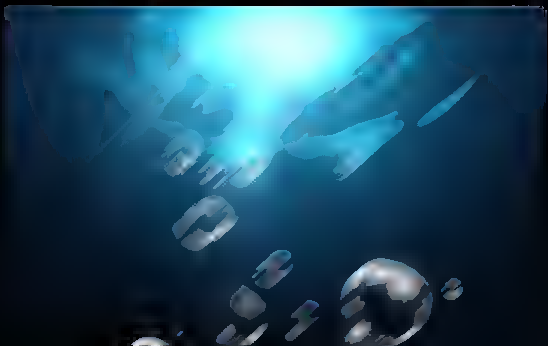
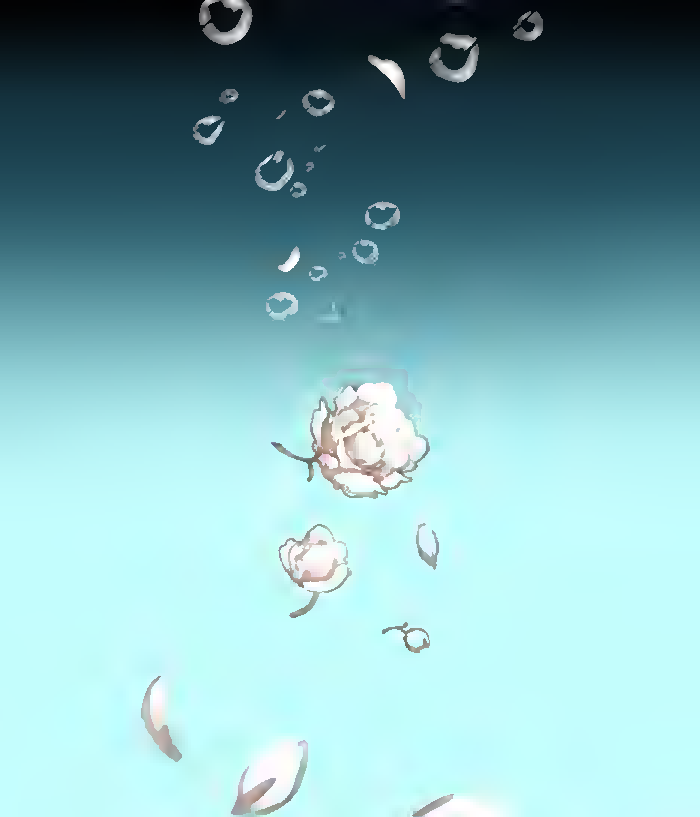


I'M ALWAYS REACHING FOR SOMETHING
UNATTAINABLE FROM MY GRASP.





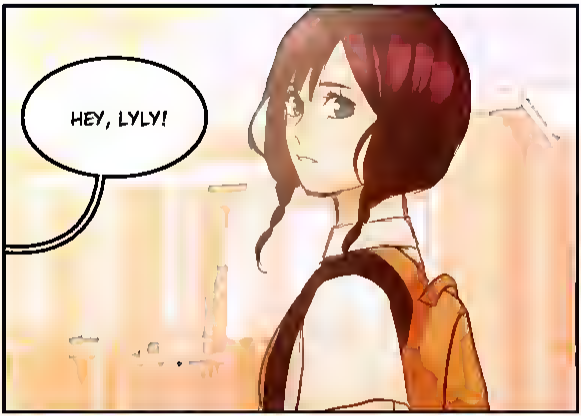




Siren's Lament

EPISODE 3: SOMETHING SPECIAL

LYLYYY!!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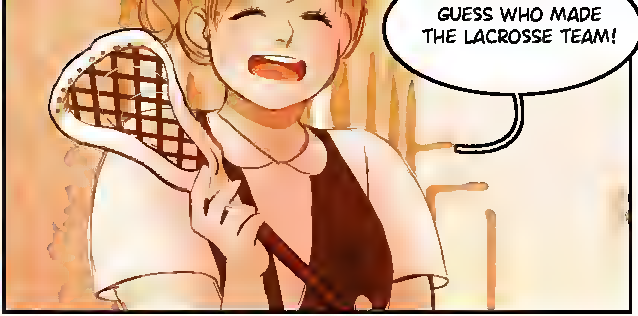
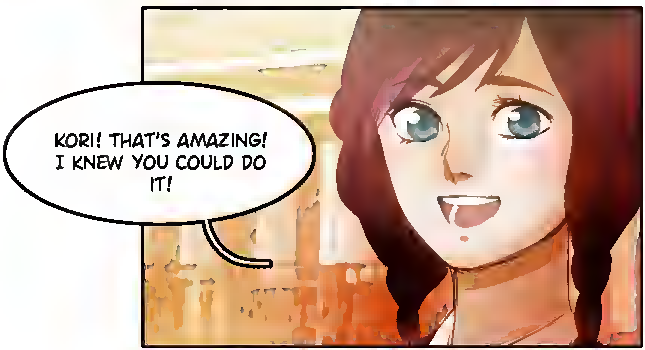
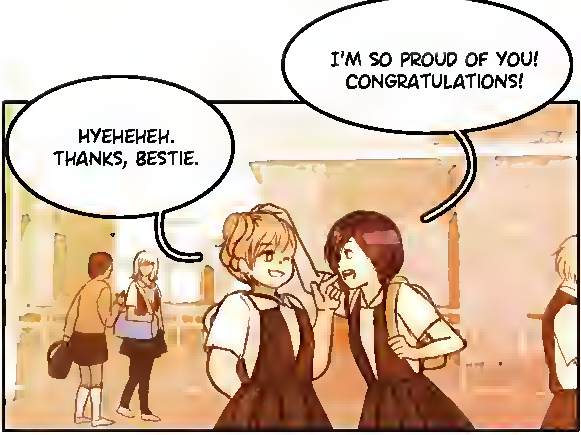
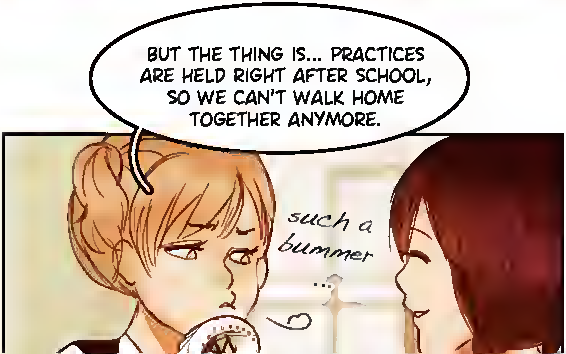
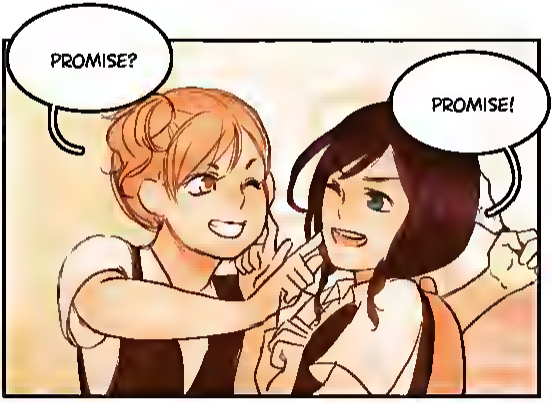

GUESS WHO MADE THE LACROSSE TEAM!


KORI! THAT'S AMAZING! I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT!


I'M SO PROUD OF YOU! CONGRATULATIONS!
HYEHEHEH. THANKS, BESTIE.


BUT THE THING IS... PRACTICES ARE HELD RIGHT AFTER SCHOOL, SO WE CAN'T WALK HOME TOGETHER ANYMORE.
such a bummer
...

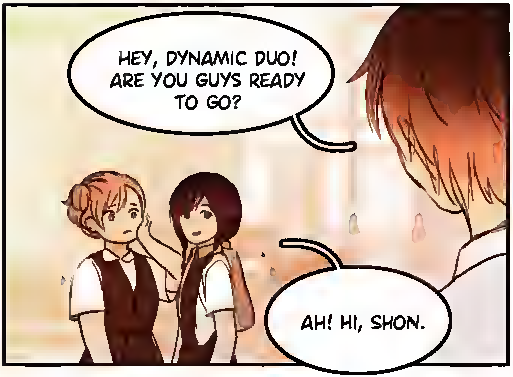
IT'S OKAY, WE CAN STILL DO HOMEWORK TOGETHER AFTER YOUR PRACTICES.



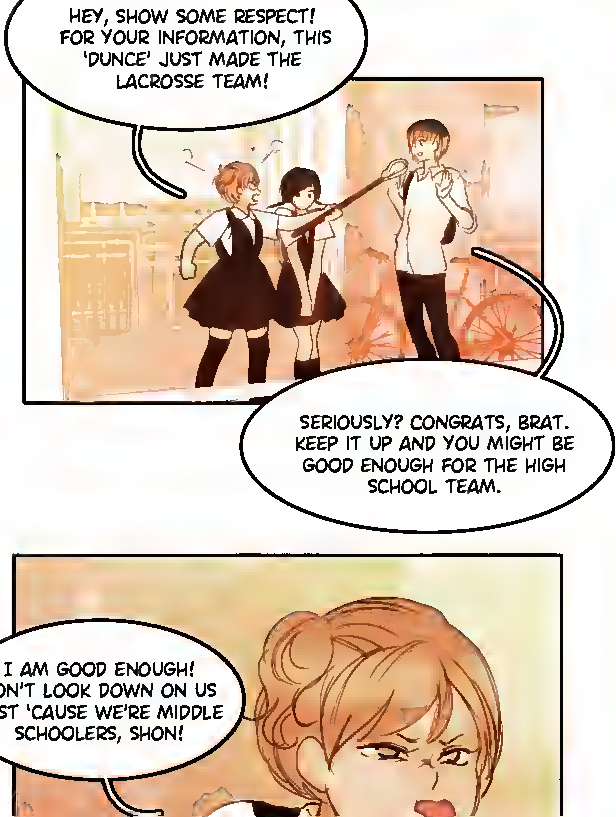
THAT'S GREAT 'CAUSE I'M TOTALLY CLOSE TO FAILING ALGEBRA RIGHT NOW!

KORI...

PINCH!

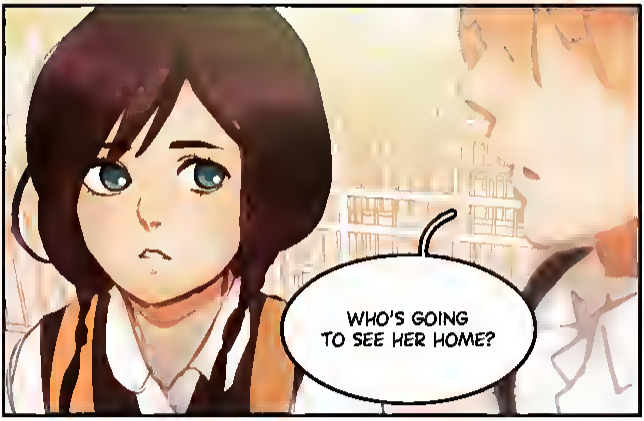

HEY, DYNAMIC DUO! ARE YOU GUYS READY TO GO?
AH! HI, SHON.

KORI, DID YOU FORGET YOUR BAG AGAIN? GEEZ, YOU'RE SUCH A DUNCE.

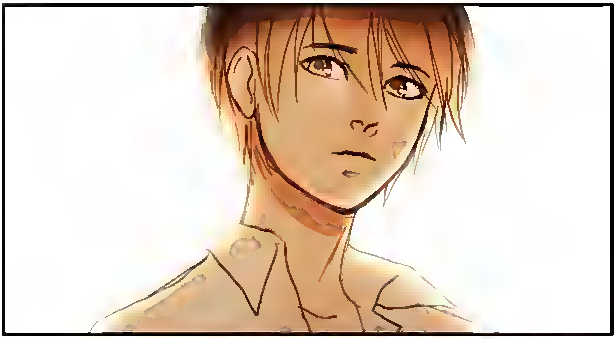

HEY, SHOW SOME RESPECT! FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THIS 'DUNCE' JUST MADE THE LACROSSE TEAM!
SERIOUSLY? CONGRATS, BRAT. KEEP IT UP AND YOU MIGHT BE GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM.
I AM GOOD ENOUGH! DON'T LOOK DOWN ON US JUST 'CAUSE WE'RE MIDDLE SCHOOLERS, SHON!

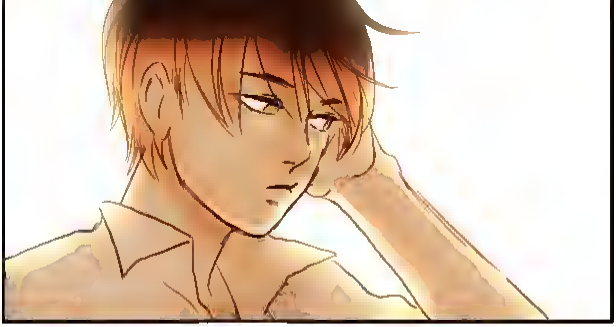
ANYWAY, I HAVE PRACTICE AFTER SCHOOL FROM NOW ON, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WALK ME HOME ANYMORE.
OH, IS THAT SO...

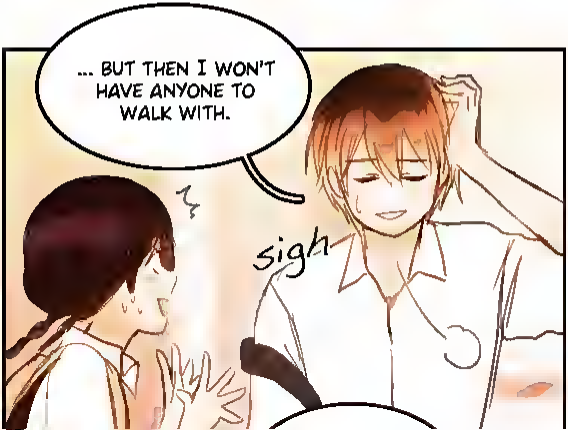
WELL, WHAT ABOUT LYRA?



I'M FINE GOING ON MY OWN! IT'S NO PROBLEM.

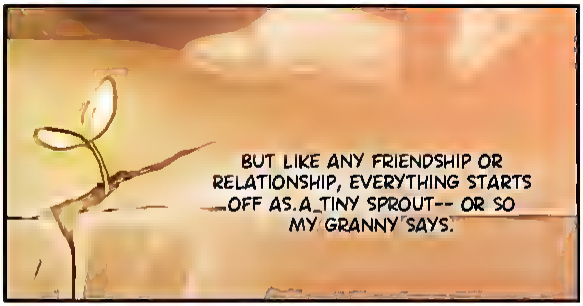




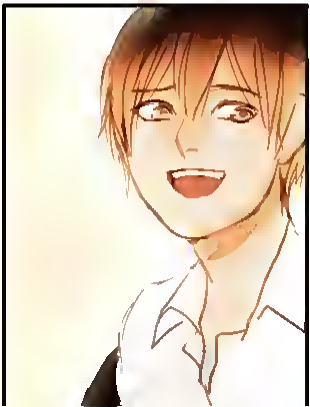

... BUT THEN I WON'T HAVE ANYONE TO WALK WITH.
sigh

OH--UH--
I'M OKAY WITH
WALKING TOGETHER
TOO!
'KAY. THAT'S
A RELIEF.

PRIOR TO THAT DAY, I'VE NEVER SPENT TIME AROUND SHON UNLESS I WAS WITH KORI.

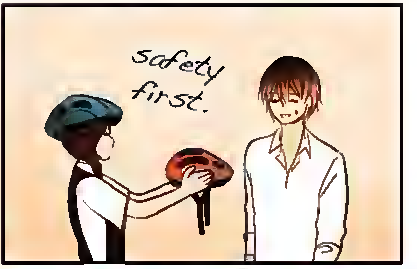


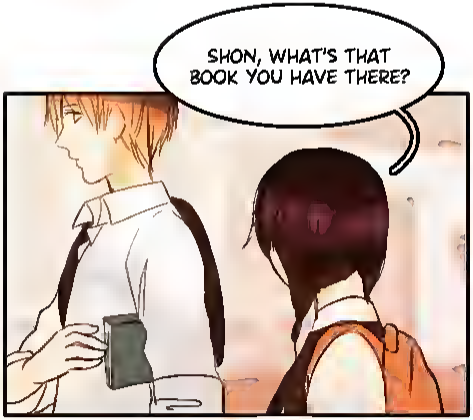
"IF YOU NEGLECT OR SMOTHER IT, IT WILL EVENTUALLY WITHER."



"BUT WHEN NURTURED AND CARED FOR PROPERLY..."

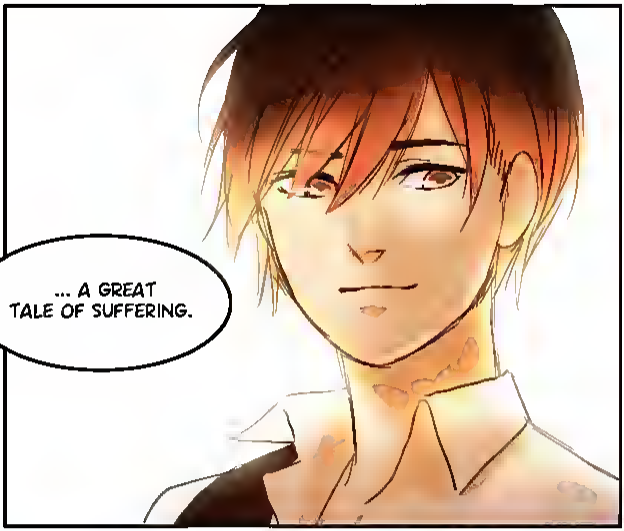
"... IT WILL BLOOM INTO SOMETHING SPECIAL."

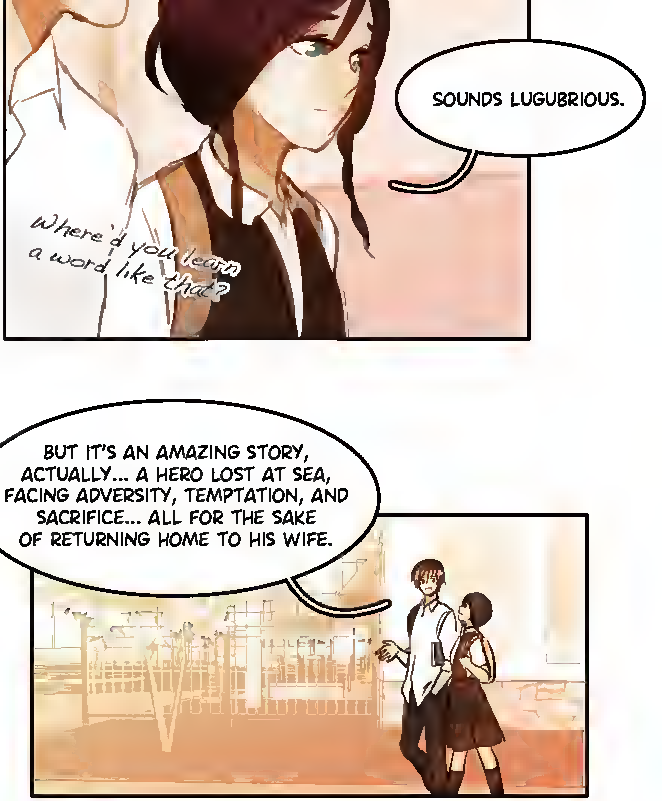



SHON, WHAT'S THAT BOOK YOU HAVE THERE?

ODYSSEY." APPARENTLY IT WAS WRITTEN FOREVER AGO.
I HAD TO READ IT FOR AN ASSIGNMENT, BUT IT WAS MORE INTERESTING THAN I THOUGHT.
WHAT'S IT ABOUT

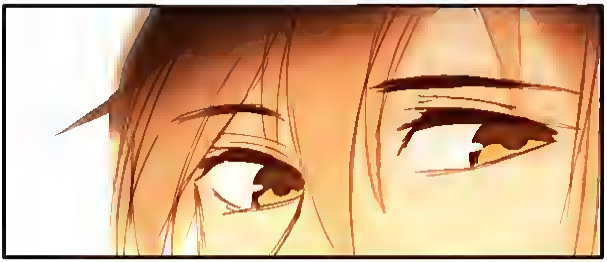
EXACTLY?

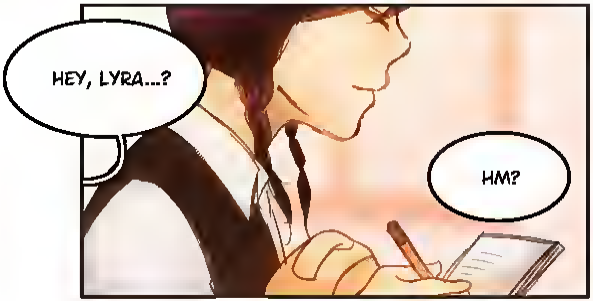



Where'd you learn a word like that?
SOUNDS LUGUBRIOUS.
BUT IT'S AN AMAZING STORY, ACTUALLY... A HERO LOST AT SEA, FACING ADVERSITY, TEMPTATION, AND SACRIFICE... ALL FOR THE SAKE OF RETURNING HOME TO HIS WIFE.

THE BEST PART OF IT ALL IS THAT HE NEVER LOSES SIGHT OF WHO HE IS.

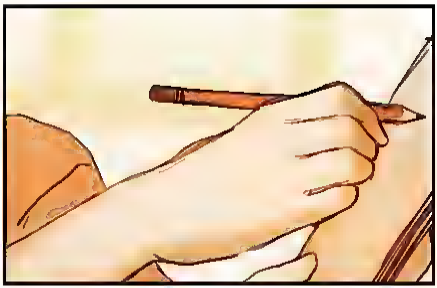
LET ME JOT THE TITLE DOWN REAL QUICK SO I CAN READ IT TOO.
SO ORGANIZED. DO YOU ALWAYS PUT EVERYTHING ON A CHECKLIST?
YEAH, WRITING STUFF DOWN HELPS MAINTAIN MY MENTAL TO-DO LIST AND PREVENTS ME FROM FORGETTING.
I LITERALLY PUT STICKY NOTES EVERYWHERE-- IT DRIVES GRANNY CRAZY.

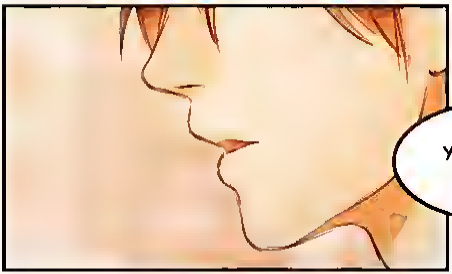




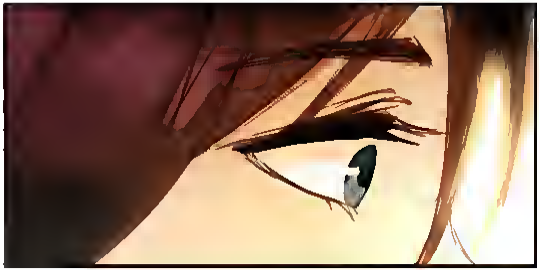
CAN I MAKE A

CONFESSION?





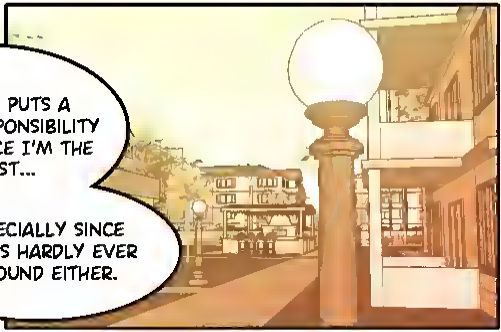
I ACTUALLY REALLY...



ENVY YOU.

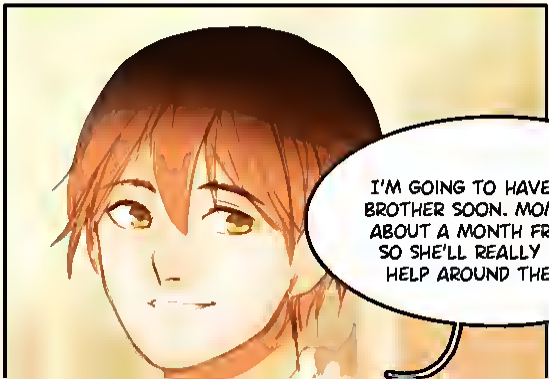
YOU'RE REALLY GROWN UP FOR YOUR AGE, YOU KNOW?

I'M OLDER THAN YOU, AND YET YOU PROBABLY HAVE A BETTER REIN ON LIFE THAN I DO.

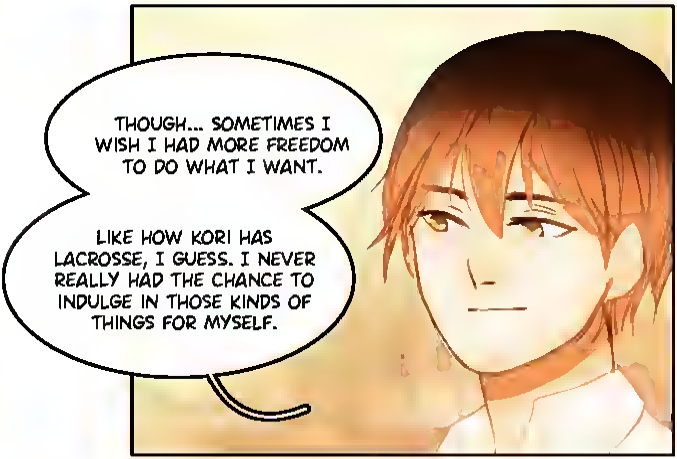


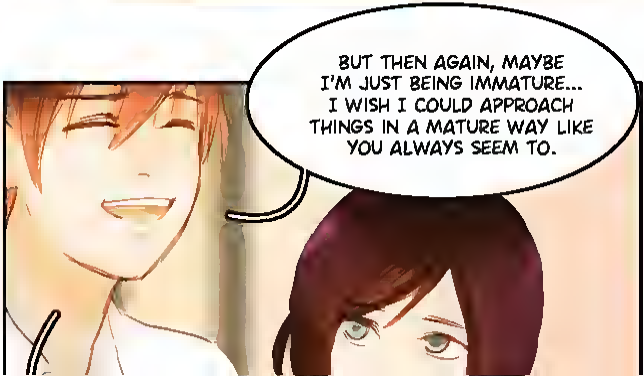
MY MOM PUTS A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITY ON ME SINCE I'M THE OLDEST...

ESPECIALLY SINCE DAD IS HARDLY EVER AROUND EITHER.

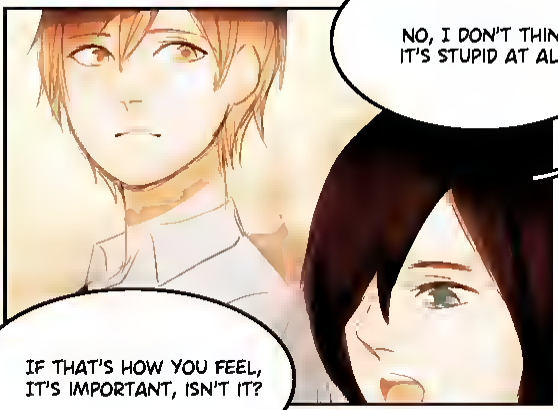


I'M GOING TO HAVE A LITTLE BROTHER SOON. MOM'S DUE IN ABOUT A MONTH FROM NOW, SO SHE'LL REALLY NEED MY HELP AROUND THE HOUSE.


THOUGH... SOMETIMES I WISH I HAD MORE FREEDOM TO DO WHAT I WANT.
LIKE HOW KORI HAS LACROSSE, I GUESS. I NEVER REALLY HAD THE CHANCE TO INDULGE IN THOSE KINDS OF THINGS FOR MYSELF.


BUT THEN AGAIN, MAYBE I'M JUST BEING IMMATURE... I WISH I COULD APPROACH THINGS IN A MATURE WAY LIKE YOU ALWAYS SEEM TO.

AGH, I'M RAMBLING OFF. I PROBABLY SOUND REALLY STUPID, RIGHT? HAHA.



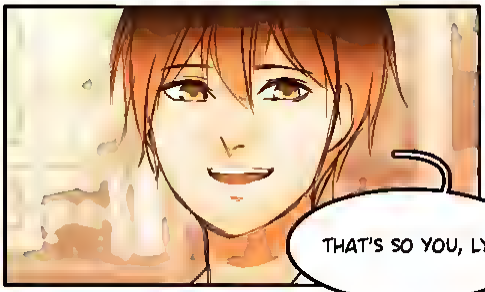
NO, I DON'T THINK IT'S STUPID AT ALL.

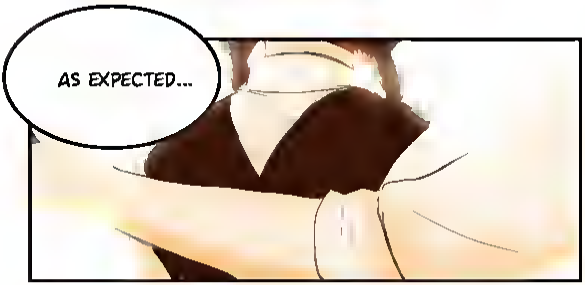
IF THAT'S HOW YOU FEEL, IT'S IMPORTANT, ISN'T IT?

SHON... THE ONLY FAMILY I HAVE IS MY GRANDMOTHER. SHE'S A REALLY STRONG WOMAN, AND I'VE NEVER BEEN RESPONSIBLE OVER ANYONE

BUT MYSELF.
YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND, CHOOSE TO SACRIFICE YOUR TIME FOR YOUR FAMILY AND THOSE YOU CARE ABOUT.
YOU'RE NOT JUST THE HERO OF YOUR OWN STORY, BUT FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S STORIES AS WELL.

INCLUDING MINE.
heh

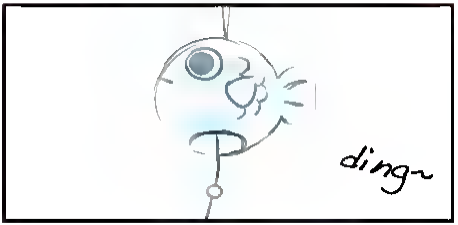

THAT'S SO YOU, LYR.


AS EXPECTED...

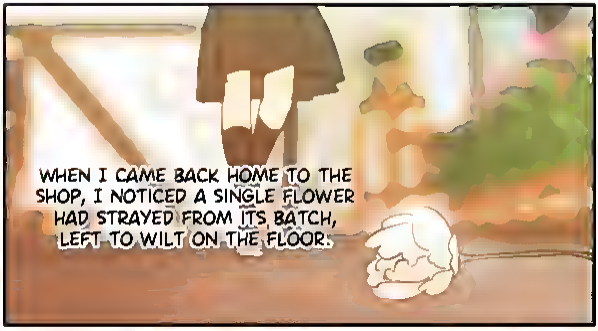
YOU ALWAYS KNOW
JUST WHAT TO SAY.

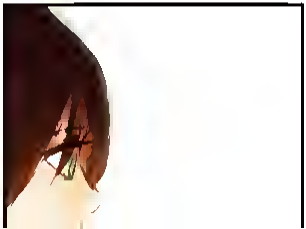
I THINK IT WAS SOMEWHERE AROUND
THAT TIME...

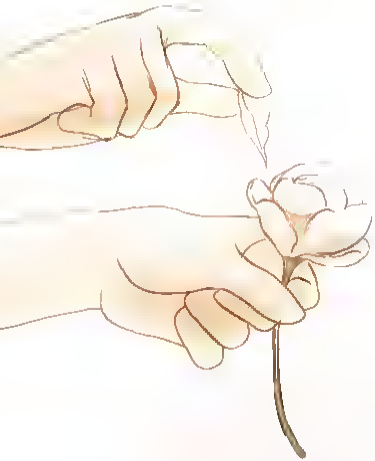
I REALIZED AN ETERNAL SPRING
HAD BLOSSOMED INTO MY HEART.



BUT DESPITE WHAT SHON HAD TOLD ME, I'LL
ADMIT THAT I DID SOMETHING VERY CHILDISH
THAT VERY SAME DAY...


WHEN I CAME BACK HOME TO THE SHOP, I NOTICED A SINGLE FLOWER HAD STRAYED FROM ITS BATCH, LEFT TO WILT ON THE FLOOR.





HE LOVES ME...

HE LOVES ME NOT

HE LOVES ME

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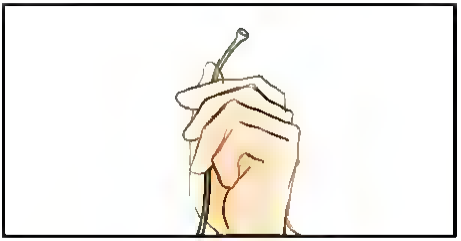
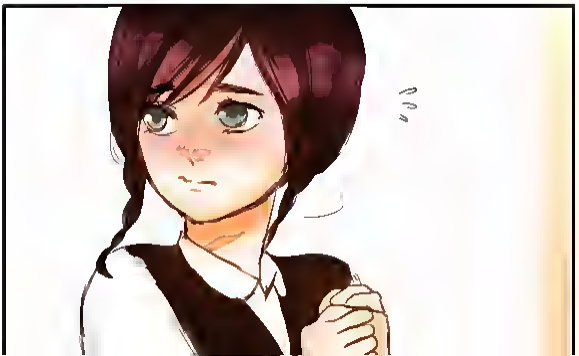
I WAS SO CAUGHT UP IN MY DAYDREAMING, I HADN'T REALIZED I DESTROYED SOMETHING THAT SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN TAMPERED WITH.

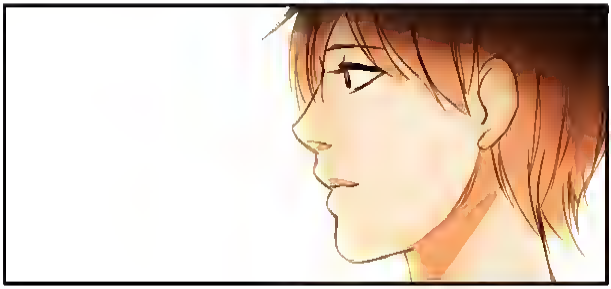


SOMETHING THAT WAS FINE AS IT WAS... SOMETHING SPECIAL.

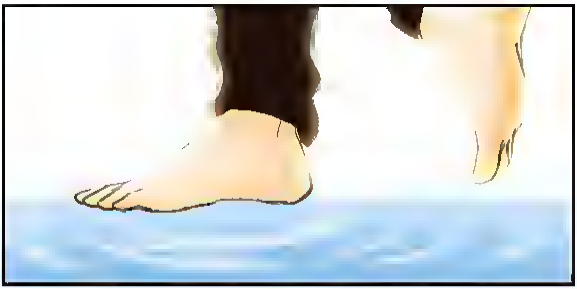


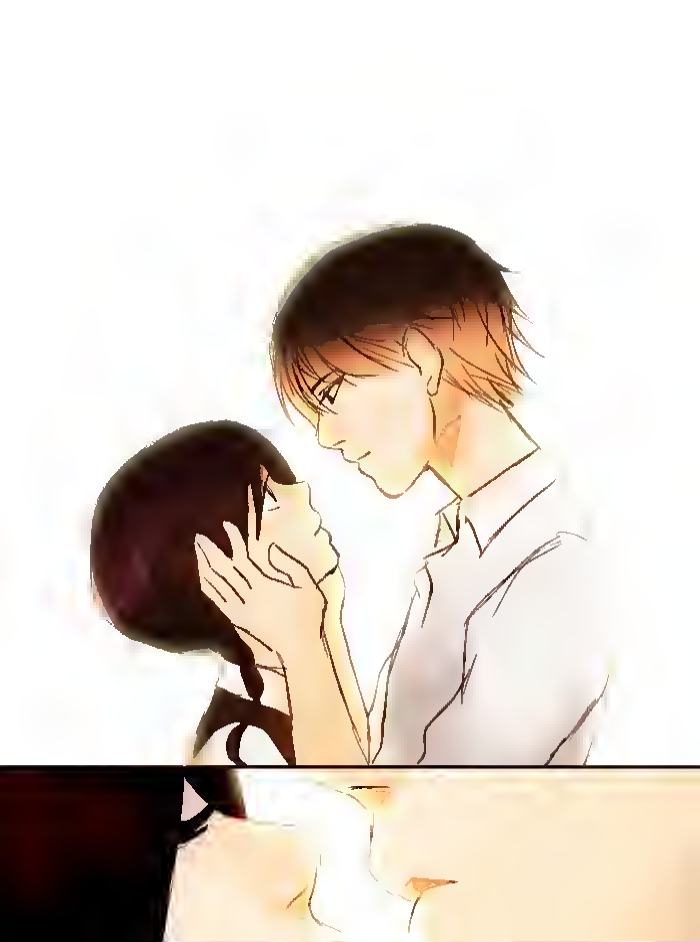
BECAUSE LITTLE DID I KNOW...

THAT THOSE SILLY, CHILDISH FANTASIES OF MINE...



WOULD EVENTUALLY LEAD ME...





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Siren's Lament

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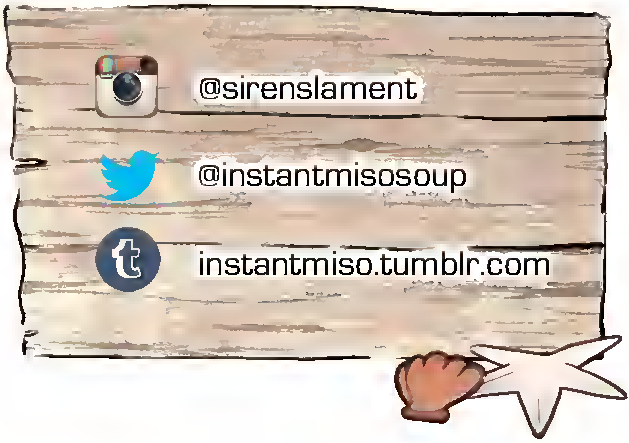
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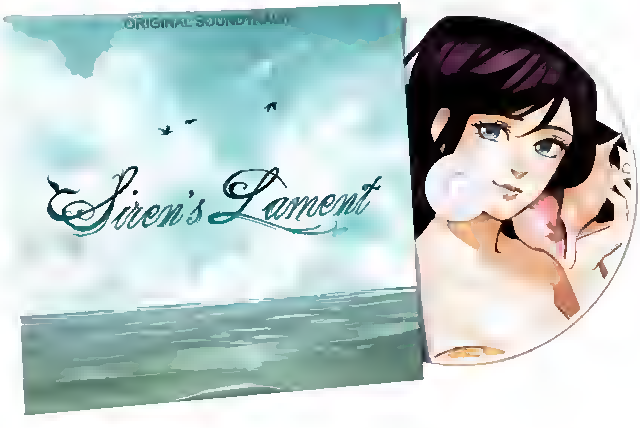

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TRACK 4
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Thank you for sending over 5.7K+ mails!

The music mails will be sent this week!

(The track on this episode will also be included)

HI, LOVELIES! MISO HERE~
I WANTED TO LET YOU GUYS KNOW THAT I'LL BE A PANELIST AT SXSW ON MARCH 18TH IN THE LINE WEBTOON PANEL <WOMEN IN DIGITAL COMICS>. I HOPE I CAN SEE YOU THERE! YOU CAN ALSO WATCH IT LIVE ON TWITCH TV AT 1:30PM ET~ UNTIL THEN, TAKE CARE!<3

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